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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Jeffrey Jovan Philyaw and David Kent Mathews

Serial No.:

For: INPUT DEVICE FOR ALLOWING INTERFACE TO A WEB SITE IN  
ASSOCIATION WITH A UNIQUE INPUT CODE

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review, please amend as follows the accompanying Rule 1.53(b) continuation application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/378,221 filed on August 19, 1999.

**IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

Please delete the present title of the invention and insert therefor --INPUT DEVICE FOR ALLOWING INTERFACE TO A WEB SITE IN ASSOCIATION WITH A UNIQUE INPUT CODE--.

**IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Please delete the Cross Reference to Related Applications in the present application and insert the following before the first sentence of the specification:

--This application is a Continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221, filed on August 19, 1999, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE", which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,530 and entitled, "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING COMPUTERS THROUGH A RADIO/TELEVISION COMMUNICATION HUB" (Atty Dkt No. PHLY-24,398) filed on September 11, 1998, and is related to pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,471 entitled, "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK" (Atty Dkt No. PHLY-24,397) filed on September 11, 1998.--

### **IN THE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please delete the entire Summary of the Invention in the present application, and insert therefor:

--The present invention disclosed and claimed herein, in one aspect thereof, comprises a method for interconnecting a first location on a global communication network with a second location thereon. An input device is provided at the first location on the global communication network having associated therewith a unique input device ID. A product code disposed on a product is scanned with the input device, which product code is representative of the product in commercial transactions, the operation of scanning operable to extract the information contained in the product code to provide a unique value as an output. The unique value is then associated with the unique input device ID. In response to the operation of scanning and associating, the first location is connect to the second location.--